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1. IN CONNECTION WITH THE U.S. TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES PROPOSED AT THE JUNE 9 MEETING OF THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OES IN COOPERATION WITH ARA HELD A MEETING ON JULY 29 WITH SCIENCE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WASHINGTON EMBASSIES OF LA AND THE CARIBBEAN, AS WELL AS OAS. REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL AMERICAN REPUBLIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS EXCEPT BARBADOS AND SURINAM ATTENDED.

2. WE STRESSED THAT TO BE EFFECTIVE, ANY CONTRIBUTION THE U.S. MIGHT MAKE TO TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT IN LA MUST BE ONE OF COOPERATIVE PLANNING AND MUTUAL INTEREST. CONSEQUENTLY, THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING WAS TO ESTABLISH A DIALOGUE WITH THE EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. WE OUTLINED OUR PRESENT GENERAL CONCEPT OF THE FOLLOWING

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INITIATIVES: THE TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE SERVICE FOR LA: THE

EXPLORATION OF COOPERATIVE VENTURES IN WHICH SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED U.S. FIRMS WOULD PROVIDE PRACTICAL TECHNOLO-

GIES TO INDIVTBUAL LA FIRMS: THE EXPANSION AND STRENGTHENING OF LA'S ACCESS TO THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION SERVICE AND OTHER FACILITIES OF THE TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION NETWORK OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT; THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL STRUCTURES OF CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION ON PROBLEMS OF TECHNOLOGY (INTER-AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY CENTER).

4. WE TOLD THE EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES THAT WE ARE TRYING TO FURTHER DEVELOP OUR PROPOSALS AND WOULD WELCOME THEIR FACTUAL INPUT. WE SAID THAT PLANNING FOR SUCH DEVELOPMENT DEPENDS ON: ANALYSIS AND KNOWLEDGE OF EXISTING PATTERNS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, BOTH INDUSTRIAL AND ACADEMIC, IN LA; AND OBTAINING UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THE STATUS AND INDUSTRIAL INVOLVEMENT OF EXISTING TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTES IN LA.

5. IT IS HOPED THAT THIS MEETING HAS OPENED A DIALOGUE ON S&T IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN AND ITS CONCOMITANT IMPACT ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND WILL PROVIDE THE U.S. WITH INFORMATION NEEDED TO FURTHER DEVELOP THE INITIATIVES OF THE SECRETARY AND TO PREPARE FOR UPCOMING TECHNOLOGY MEETINGS WITHIN THE OAS.

6. THE EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION AT HAVING BEEN INVITED FOR DISCUSSIONS ON S&T MATTERS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO US ALL. THE DISCUSSIONS WERE LIVELY, TO THE POINT, AND CONSTRUCTIVE THROUGHOUT. KISSINGER

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